

MINUTES
PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2001
6:30 PM

The Board convened for their regular meeting at 6:30 PM at the Parks and Recreation Administrative Office, 717 West Main Street, September 10, 2001, notice of said meeting being posted as prescribed by Chapter 551, V.T.C.A., Government Code, with the following members present, to wit:

Members			Term Expires
Mr. Bob Korman	Chair	Place 7	June 2003
Mrs. Anne Weydeck	Vice-Chair	Place 10	June 2002
Ms. Carrie Donovan	Member	Place 1	June 2003
Ms. H. Suzanne Kelley	Member	Place 2	June 2002
Ms. Sue Phillips	Member	Place 3	June 2003
Mr. Alvin Warren	Member	Place 4	June 2002
Mr. Jason Williams	Member	Place 5	June 2003
Mr. Charley Amos	Member	Place 6	June 2002
Mr. Joe Sarabia	Member	Place 8	June 2002
Mr. Nicholas Stoneman	Member	Place 9	June 2003
Ms. Candace Halliburton	Member	Place 11	June 2003
Ms. Bianca Davenport	Youth Member	Place 12	June 2001

Staff:

Bill Gilmore	Assistant Director-Programs
Ruth F. Keith	Administrative Secretary
Bruce Frantz	Acting Assistant Director-Park Operations
Jennifer Howry	Administrative Business Manager
Jo Anne Smith	Park Facilities Coordinator
John Fain	Senior Park Planner
De'Onna Garner	Graduate Park Planner
Matt Young	Parks Maintenance Superintendent

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Bob Korman called the regular meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 10, 2001 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Chairman Korman requested one correction be made to the minutes to state that: **Councilman Ron Wright spoke to the Board and made no recommendation about naming a park Webb Community Park, but did encourage timely action on the application.** With this correction, Member Anne Weydeck made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2001 meeting. Member Charles Amos seconded the motion. The minutes were approved unanimously.

ITEMS FOR ACTION

A. Items from Citizens (about Items for Action)

1. Mr. Kevin Donovan spoke to the Board in support of the O. S. Gray Master Plan.
2. Ms. Nita McFarlin spoke to the Board in support of the O. S. Gray Master Plan.
3. Dr. Alan Bishop spoke to the Board in support of the proposed naming of Ray R. Moore Park.
4. Rev. Bobby Bridges spoke to the Board in support of the proposed naming of Ray R. Moore Park.

A. Items from Citizens (about Items for Action – continued)

5. Mike Moore spoke to the Board in support of the proposed naming of Ray R. Moore Park.
6. Bobby Moore spoke to the Board in support of the proposed naming of Ray R. Moore Park.
7. Kenneth Moore spoke to the Board in support of the proposed naming of Ray R. Moore Park.

B. Items for Action

1. **PARK USE PERMITS:** The Board considered and approved 33 permit requests.
Member Sue Phillips made a motion to approve the park use permits without exception.
Member H. Suzanne Kelley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. **O. S. Gray Master Plan Report** - Ms. De'Onna Garner, Graduate Park Planner, briefed the Board with planned improvements for the O. S. Gray Park and requested their endorsement of the Gray Park Master Plan.

Mr. Oliver Windham, landscape architect of the project, advised the Board that Parks and Recreation staff and his office have worked closely with members of a citizen committee on the project.

Ms. Garner requested the Board's endorsement of the proposed master plan and phase one development plan for O. S. Gray Park.

After discussion, Member Weydeck made a motion to approve the O. S. Gray Master Plan and Phase one development for O. S. Gray Park. Member Sue Phillips seconded the motion. With Member Carrie Donovan abstaining from the vote, the motion passed. It is to be noted that Ms. Donovan worked extensively with the citizen committee on the O. S. Gray Park.

3. **Naming of Ray R. Moore Park** - Ms. Jennifer Howry, Administrative Services Manager, requested the Board's review and action regarding the naming of a section of Rush Creek floodplain "Ray R. Moore Park". Ms. Howry further stated after the Board's review and action, the request would be forwarded to the Social Capital Committee for their consideration and subsequent recommendation to the full City Council.

After extensive discussion by the Board and members of the Moore Family, Member Kelley made a motion to not name the section of the park "Ray R. Moore Park". Member Jason Williams seconded the motion, which passed 7 to 4. Chairman of the Board, Bob Korman, did not vote.

SCHEDULED INFORMATION REPORTS

- A. Planning Work Plan Report** – Mr. John Fain, Senior Park Planner discussed the Planning Workplan Report with the Board.

Member Phillips asked when Phase two of Helen Wessler would be complete. Mr. Fain responded he was not sure when money will be available to complete the project.

Member Kelley asked when the swings in Carl Knox Additions would be completed. Mr. Fain stated they are almost complete now.

Member Nicholas Stoneman inquired about the status of the Vandergriff lighting on the softball fields. Mr. Fain stated the design is in this year's budget and construction to begin in 2002.

Meadowbrook - Sue Phillips asked when the restroom at Meadowbrook Park would be constructed. Mr. Fain stated the bond money has been approved for this project; however, the construction date is unscheduled as of this date.

- B. **Customer Service Report- August 2001** – Member Jason Williams inquired if the softball field conditions have resulted in any reported injuries. Mr. Gilmore, Assistant Director-Programs, stated that no injuries have been reported.

Referencing the Ditto Golf Course Gap report, Member Kelley stated she felt that the Ditto Golf Course is in great condition. Member Kelley further stated that she believes the Superintendents of all City golf courses are doing a great job.

- C. **Monthly Calendar of Activities for September 2001** - No discussion.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

- A. **1997 Park Bond Projects Remaining** – Mr. Fain provided the Board with the status of projects remaining in the 1997 Park Bond Program. Mr. Fain stated this report was being provided in response to the Board's request to share with them the progress being made on projects authorized in the 1997 Park Bond Program. Mr. Fain also stated it will take several years for all items to be completed.

Member Phillips requested a monthly update be presented to the Board on the 1997 Park Bond Projects remaining. Mr. Fain stated he would consider the request.

- B. **Center Reservation Fees and Policies** - Mr. Bill Gilmore, Assistant Director-Programs, briefed the Board on current policies concerning the rental of senior recreation centers. Mr. Gilmore informed the Board that research indicates current policies are generally appropriate for the rental of parks and recreation facilities for outside groups. Mr. Gilmore stated that rental events generally do not adversely impact routine building maintenance operations and functions, nor do they create an unreasonable burden on the normal life cycle of facility furnishings or infrastructure. Mr. Gilmore further stated that incidents involving public misuse are minimal and can and will be controlled through careful staff oversight and enforcement of established rental policies.

- C. **Budget Update** – Ms. Jennifer Howry – Administrative Services Manager, provided the Board with an informational overview of the budget process to date. Ms. Howry's report included the process of the General Fund and Performance Fund issues related to the Parks and Recreation Department.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS - No discussion.

ITEMS FROM BOARD MEMBERS – No discussion.

ITEMS FROM CITIZENS (about non-agenda items)

- A. **Youth Sports in Arlington** - No discussion. Mr. Ken Dowdy did not attend the meeting.

- B. **Connecting Arlington** - Mr. Jerry Mossman, Program Manager, provided the Board with an overview of a community network. Mr. Mossman stated this service will provide equitable and improved access to resources and services in Arlington to individuals, groups and organizations that will build community, enrich, inform, educate and make a positive impact in their lives.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:38 pm.

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